

## TREE SNAKES

please, come into my  
rooms, pick up the books,  
look at the paintings,  
steal an ash tray or  
a poem to remember me by;  
notice how I arrange  
things, listen to the  
stereo, stay late  
when the candles are lit  
and the incense burning,  
watch our performance  
when the wine makes us  
sensuous and the darkness  
gives us a new courage,  
listen to the magic snakes  
hissing in the trees  
waiting to strike

A POEM TO CARRY AROUND SO YOU WON'T  
FORGET WHERE YOU ARE GOING WHEN IT IS  
VITAL TO REMEMBER

schedule:

the boat  
leaving for alaska  
is bound for alaska  
ending in nome  
where a return flight  
will take you back  
to your point  
of departure  
from where you left  
to go to alaska  
before you left  
for alaska

## FOCUS

the scene is the ocean  
and a wave of it  
slapping against a small boat  
knocking out a father  
and his two children  
curtain down  
green and green and green  
the performers  
will not come up  
for a curtain call